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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
DETENTION OF JUAN FRANCISCO ESQUERRA (87/77/9)

REF: A) STATE 183431; B) BUENOS AIRES 5725

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF JULY 1978, REGARDING JUAN FRANCISCO ESQUERRA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE BANK WORKERS UNION OF ARGENTINA, WE REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THIS CASE (SEE REFTTEL B). THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS RECENTLY INFORMED US THAT MR. ESQUERRA HAS BEEN INDICTED FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH HIS BEING A "LABOR ACTIVIST AND AGITATOR." HIS CASE IS BEING HEARD BEFORE NATIONAL COURT NO. 20 IN BUENOS AIRES. THE DECREE PLACING HIM UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION WAS REMOVED ON JULY 7, 1978. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUES TO BE IMPRISONED UNDER A JUDICIAL PREVENTIVE DETENTION ORDER IN LA PLATA PRISON.

2. I HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE OF USE.

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3. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
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